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HONGKONG people are getting impatient with the slow pace of the negotiations over the proposed equalisation of duties on textile imports. The American can be expected to hold somewhat to his position and be somewhat of a slow mover. The Hong Kong report has it that the effects on the local industry would be severe if the American and that our exports would be completely wiped out of the U.S. market. American officials believe the fee would have a relatively small impact on the bulk of Hong Kong export goods.

The real answer is that local mills will suffer if the fee is imposed. Grey cloth which makes up about 85 per cent of exports this year will be liable to an added tax of fifteen cents a yard, a 16 per cent increase on average price, which will obliterate the present very narrow profit margins. But in view of the likely consequences, why are our textile concerns playing second fiddle so pathetically to Japan in the matter of making protest?

WHY was our case not made known immediately? More than a month has passed since the American Government declared its intentions. Coming after the international talks in Geneva on short-term and long-term plans for limiting exports to the United States, the American proposal comes as a sharp shock. It is one that Hong Kong needs to resist forcefully and the pleas for protection being made in America make hollow reading by the side of a report in the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday.

This stated that the U.S. textile industry is "sighting glimmers of a solid upturn." It went on to report that production is running close to 20 per cent ahead of the rate at this time last year. Shipments to customers are above the level of a year ago. Most mills have on hand orders to cover a large part of their production in the first quarter of 1962. Textile firms will face lessened competition from low prices imports next year. And profits of many textile concerns appear to be edging higher.

THE farcical situation which has now arisen is that there is talk of an American "compensation payment" to Japan if the new fee hurts the Japanese cotton industry. Protection all around for the American cotton farmers and cotton exporters as well as the home and certain overseas textile manufacturers may sound like good politics in Washington but it will inevitably lead to dismay and disillusionment among the under-privileged nations who do not qualify for this special though somewhat dotty form of aid.

Assuming the compensation idea was a regrettable aberration best forgotten, Hong Kong's greatest advantage lies in America's fear of the effect of this fee on the Japanese industry and since it is unlikely that the fee could be imposed on all but Japanese cotton textile imports, Hong Kong can derive some comfort from the energetic way in which its Asian neighbours are reacting. We would feel a little happier however if Hong Kong had pitched in with equal vigour from the outset.

Supports U.S. 'two-thirds majority' proposal U.K. STAND ON CHINA IN U.N.

Vote on Peking admission expected today

United Nations, Dec. 15.
Britain announced last night that it will support the United States' move to decide on seating Communist China in the United Nations only by a two-thirds majority vote.

The British Government's decision was announced in a statement issued by the Foreign Office.

The statement said that the two-week debate on the Chinese question would end in the General Assembly.

The Assembly will schedule a vote today on the proposal to require a two-thirds majority for and on a Soviet resolution to seat Communist China as a permanent member of the Security Council. China was expelled from the United Nations in 1949.

Mr. Godber reaffirmed Britain's belief that "the facts of international life require the presence of the Chinese People's Republic in the United Nations."

Importance

But he explained that the question of Chinese representation is one of the utmost importance, that should not be dealt with on the basis of a simple majority vote.

Mr. Godber recalled that Britain had, in recent past years, supported a series of moral resolutions that kept the United Nations from holding a full debate on the China question.

"We make no apology for this," he said. "The British Government has not been trying to find a way means of 'pushing this important problem aside'."

UPI

Gamblers raided

Washington, Dec. 14.
Treasury agents and U.S. marshals swooped on bookies and other gamblers today in coast-to-coast raids. The raids formed the third such swoop this year aimed at arresting gamblers who have failed to pay Federal gambling taxes.

The raids have yielded information which officials have said indicates a far-flung gambling network.—UPI.

ROARING TRADE IN SELLING 'LONDON FOG'

Two American girls working at a United States air base here said today they were doing a terrific business selling tins of genuine London fog.

So far they have sold 8,000 tins of fog. "Genuine wild fog caught near Hyde Park"—at two shillings and sixpence a tin, mostly to home-going Americans.

The girls, Miss Marge Biddell, from Pennsylvania, and Miss Bibb McAghee from New

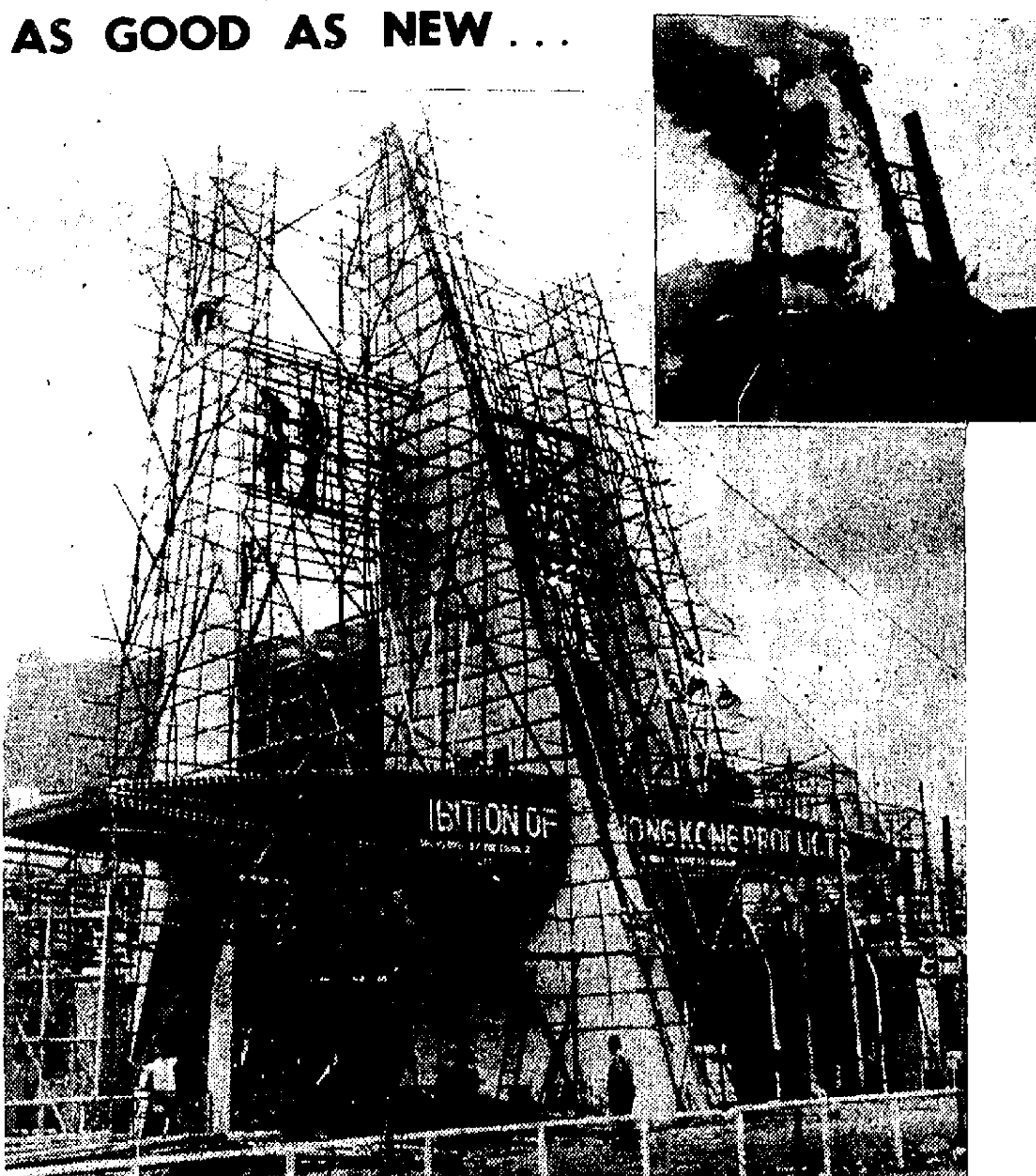
Jersey, recreation directors at the U.S. Air Force base at Farnborough, near London, have formed a fully-registered company to market the tinned fog.

They got the idea after a friend sent them a jar of fresh air from Wisconsin—"If you can

send fresh air from Wisconsin, why not London fog to America?"

Instructions for obtaining the full bouquet say the tin must be opened in a closed room, after dark, with the lights off.—Reuter.

AS GOOD AS NEW...



Workers busy restoring the CMA tower at the entrance. It was almost razed by last week's blaze (see inset).

Exhibition reopens on Wednesday

The 19th Exhibition of Hongkong Products, suspended because of the million-dollar fire last Thursday, is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday next week.

Reconstruction work on the burnt-out middle section and two-thirds of the facade has been in full swing since last Friday.

Carpenters, painters and other workers have been working around the clock, restoring the structures according to original designs.

Mr. Charles Chu, Secretary of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association, told the China Mail today that "practically every stall razed by fire has come back to participate."

Of the 32 stalls affected, some had been covered by insurance, but many were not. The total value of inventory in each stall varied. "There is, as yet, no way to finding out the total cost of damage," Mr. Chu said.

A million

According to an honorary President of the Association, the damage was estimated at more than a million dollars.

To make up for the time lost through fire and reconstruction, "we expect to apply to Government for an extension of the period of the exhibition," said Mr. Chu.

Originally, the exhibition was scheduled to end on January 8. The time lost because of the fire will be about a fortnight, so the exhibition will end on January 22 if the application is approved by Government.

European knocks down a policeman, fined \$90

A European motorist whose car knocked over a policeman in Garden-road, seriously injuring him, was today fined \$90 by Mr. J. T. Williams at Causeway Bay Court.

Capt. J. R. Jones, described as a shipping superintendent, and residing at 44 Macdonnell-road, second floor, pleaded guilty to a summons of careless driving.

In fine Jones, Mr. Williams said he would not make an order of endorsement as the defendant was a man of reasonable years and had driven for some time maintaining a clear record.

Signalling

Insp. J. A. O'Hare told the court that the accident occurred on July 7 in the early evening.

The constable was facing up Garden-road and signalling a down-coming vehicle to turn right into Flagstaff House.

Jones was driving up Garden-road on the inside lane behind several other vehicles. The cars in front, approaching the crossing, slowed down to stop to give way to the car turning into Flagstaff House.

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

HK MOUNTAINEERS

Katmandu, Dec. 14.
Six mountaineers from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in Hongkong returned here today after an unsuccessful attempt to climb the 20,000-foot Mount Mingbo near Mount Everest.—Reuter.

Insulted

Tokyo, Dec. 15.
Two Japanese cooks at a Chinese restaurant were held by police today on suspicion of fatally beating a customer who complained about the food.—UPI.

TANGANYIKA IN U.N.

United Nations, Dec. 14.
The United Nations General Assembly today admitted the newly-independent African state of Tanganyika as the 105th member of the U.N. The state was admitted by acclamation.—AFP.

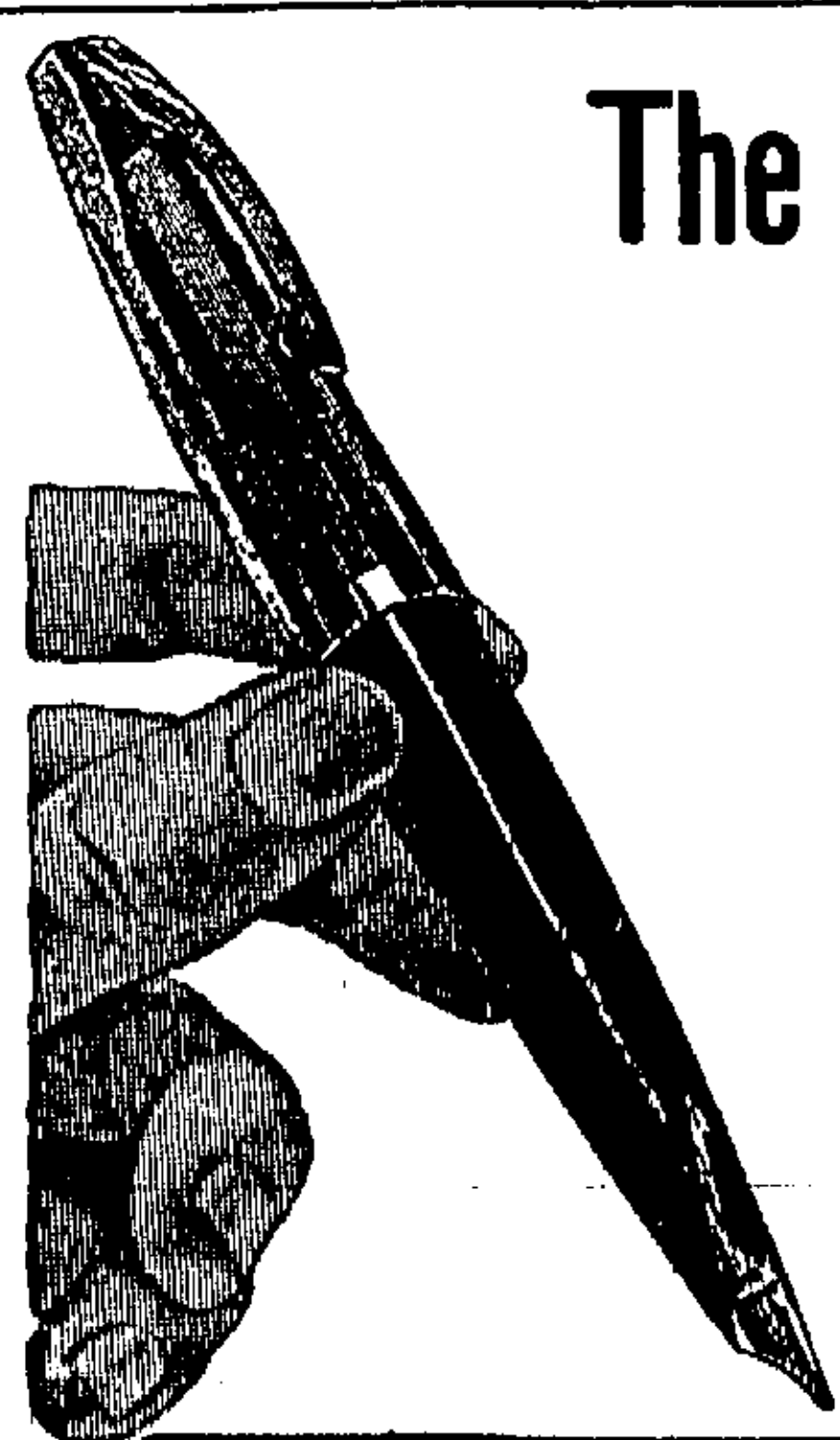
Nato's budget

Paris, Dec. 14.
The 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation nations are spending an all-time record total of US\$67,892,000,000 on defence this year, Nato announced today.

This is an increase of \$5,485,000,000 or some eight per cent, over last year.—UPI.

DEAL 'IMMORAL'

Berlin, Dec. 14.
U.S. Senator Kenneth B. Keating (New York-Republican) today denounced Britain's sale of Viscount airliners to Communist China as "immoral as well as unsound."—AP.



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COMMODITY PRICES

RUBBER

NEW YORK
Rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb.
Rex Jan 27.95 Standard Jan 27.95
27.95 Sept 27.95 Nov 27.95 Jan 27.95

SINGAPORE

Closing prices all in Straits cents per lb (from Malayan port)
No. 1 Dec 22.75 Jan 22.75 Feb 22.75
No. 2 Dec 22.75 Jan 22.75 Feb 22.75
Spot rubber unsmoked 77-77.5
Basket price 71-72
No. 1 pale crepe 80.5-80.5

LONDON

Closing prices all in pence per lb.
No. 1 Dec 22.75 Jan 22.75 Feb 22.75
No. 2 Dec 22.75 Jan 22.75 Feb 22.75
Spot rubber unsmoked 77-77.5
Basket price 71-72
No. 1 pale crepe 80.5-80.5

AMSTERDAM

Closing prices all in guilders per kilogram, c.i.f. dec.
No. 1 rubber 211 buyers No. 2
207 buyers No. 3 rubber 2.05
209 buyers No. 4 rubber 2.40 buyers
211

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK

Closing rates
England official 281.15
Denmark 14.36
France 20.41
Germany 22.01
Holland 27.80
Norway 367
Sweden 19.05
Switzerland 2.118

LONDON

Closing rates
New York 2.8615
Montreal 2.11
London 1.11
Copenhagen 1.11
Stockholm 1.11
Helsinki 1.11
Oslo 1.11
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COTTON

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.

NEW ORLEANS

Closing prices all in cents per lb.
Spot 33.25 Mar 34.50 May 35.00
Jul 34.00 Oct 35.50 Dec 35.50
Mar 33.74 May 33.94

LIVERPOOL

Closing prices all in pence per lb.

AMERICAN CONTRACT

Dec 24.30 Mar 24.30 May 24.30
Jul 24.30 Oct 24.30 Dec 24.30

MIXED CONTRACT

Dec 24.30 Mar 24.30 May 24.30
Jul 24.30 Oct 24.30 Dec 24.30

METALS

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.

LONDON

Closing prices all in sterling per 100 lb.

SUGAR

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.

UNIT TRUSTS

First Hongkong Fund: \$1.13
(over) \$1.21 (seller)

Second Hongkong Fund: ex
div 20 cents (buyer) 95 cents
(seller) Special offer seller
price 94 cents

WORLD SHARE MARKETS

★ The share market at a glance ★

	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Approx Yield (%)
HK Bank	364	354	358	356	354	steady	\$80	3.5
London	420	416	420	420	406	—32	\$2.25	5.8
Wheelock	12.90	12.40	12.1	12.30	12.10	—20	75c	6.2
HK Wharf	352	348	348	348	382	+34	\$12	3.1
HK Docks	125	124	140	148	147	—1	\$4	2.7
Taihook Docks	71	70	74	72	72	steady	\$3.20	4.4
Provident	30	29.70	29.70	28.80	28.40	—40c	\$1.30	4.57
HK Hotels	43	41.5	43	42	43	+50c	\$3	7
HK Lands	74	72	74	73	73	+50c	\$2.40	3.3
HK Realty	2.175	2.175	2.125	2.125	2.05	—7c	\$13.75	6.7
HK Star Ferry	41	39	40	40	40	steady	\$2.05	6.1
Yau Ma Tei	119	117	127	129	126	+32	\$10.50	4.26
Ch. Light	40	39	41	40	40	—25c	\$9.50	7.5
Electric	45	43	44	42	42	—50c	\$1.70	4.3
HK Telephone	67	66	69	68	67	—1	\$4	6
G. L. Cement	27	26	26	26	26	—1	\$2	5.6
Dairy Farm	54	56	57	58	57	—1	\$2.50	4.34
A. S. Watson	38	38	38	38	37	—1	\$3	8.1
Lane Crawford	12.80b	12.1b	13	12.40	12.40	steady	\$1	8
Intl Investment	9.30	9.30b	9.30	9.10b	9.20b	+10c	\$1.25	13.7
Allied	21.50	20.90b	21.80	21.40	21.40b	steady	50c	4.6
HK & FE Inv	6.10b	5.95b	5.85	5.85b	5.60b	—25c	\$1.10	8.7
Textile Corp	12.10b	12.40b	12.40b	12.5b	10.50b	—25c	\$2.80	3.4
Nanyang	77	74	76	75	74	—1	\$80c	
Kowloon Motor Bus	24.60	24	24.40	24.20b	23.10b	—70c		
Jardines								

* When shares were five times their present value.

Many blue chips register gains Quiet mood but Banks gain \$2

Unilever Ltd. closed 1/6 better at 51 2/3 yesterday, but the Dutch half ended at 216 2/3 down 1/3.

The market remained in quiet mood this morning with very little price movement.

LONDON

Elsewhere, the market stayed on the upswing but the November foreign trade figures made little noticeable impact. Government bonds rose again.

Many blue chips registered gains but mostly under 1%. Engineering stocks found favor with shipbuilding issues and stores firms. Banks and insurance made progress with real estate stocks.

Dollar stocks were mixed. Foreign bonds were neglected. Overseas banks, Hongkong and Shanghai again moved upwards and were 1 1/4 better at 118 1/4 (DP).

Closing prices

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Exchange rates

Business was done in the local

monetary exchange market this morning at the following rates.

U.S. dollar per \$1 15.82
Sterling notes (per £1) 12.82
Australian notes (per £1) 1.82
Japanese yen (per 100) 1.82
Canadian dollar (per 100) 1.82
French franc (per 100) 1.82
Argentine peso (per 100) 1.82
Korean won (per 100) 1.82
Italian lira (per 100) 1.82
Chinese RMB (per 100) 1.82
Taiwan yuan (per 100) 1.82
Thai baht (per 100) 1.82
Burma kyat (per 100) 1.82
Pakistan rupee (per 100) 1.82
Macao pataca (per 100) 1.82
Norwegian krone (per 100) 1.82
Singapore dollar (per 100) 1.82
Swiss franc (per 100) 1.82
Netherlands guilder (per 100) 1.82
West German D Mark (per 100) 1.82
Cuba peso (per 100) 1.82

HONGKONG

This morning's quotations and prices were:

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CONGO: BACKING FOR MAC

HE WANTS TO GET INTO JAIL FOR CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 14. Dennis McCabe, 33, who has spent his last 15 Christmases in jail, was so at a loss for what to do this Christmas that he tried to get back into jail. He pleaded guilty in a suburban London court to theft, thinking that—on the strength of his record—he should get at least 10 years' preventive detention. But, much to his dismay, he was given a conditional discharge. McCabe has spent most of his life since the age of nine in approved schools and prisons. He told a Daily Mail reporter: "Prison is second home to some people, but to me it's my first and only home. I feel happier, more secure there"—China Mail Special.

Express smashes into school bus

Greeley, Col., Dec. 14. Twenty people were killed and 15 gravely injured when an express train slammed into a bus full of school children today at a crossing near here.

Most of the dead and injured were children on their way to a secondary school in Greeley, some 70 miles from Denver. The bus was crossing the railroad tracks when the express train caught it from the rear, carrying it for about 100 yards.

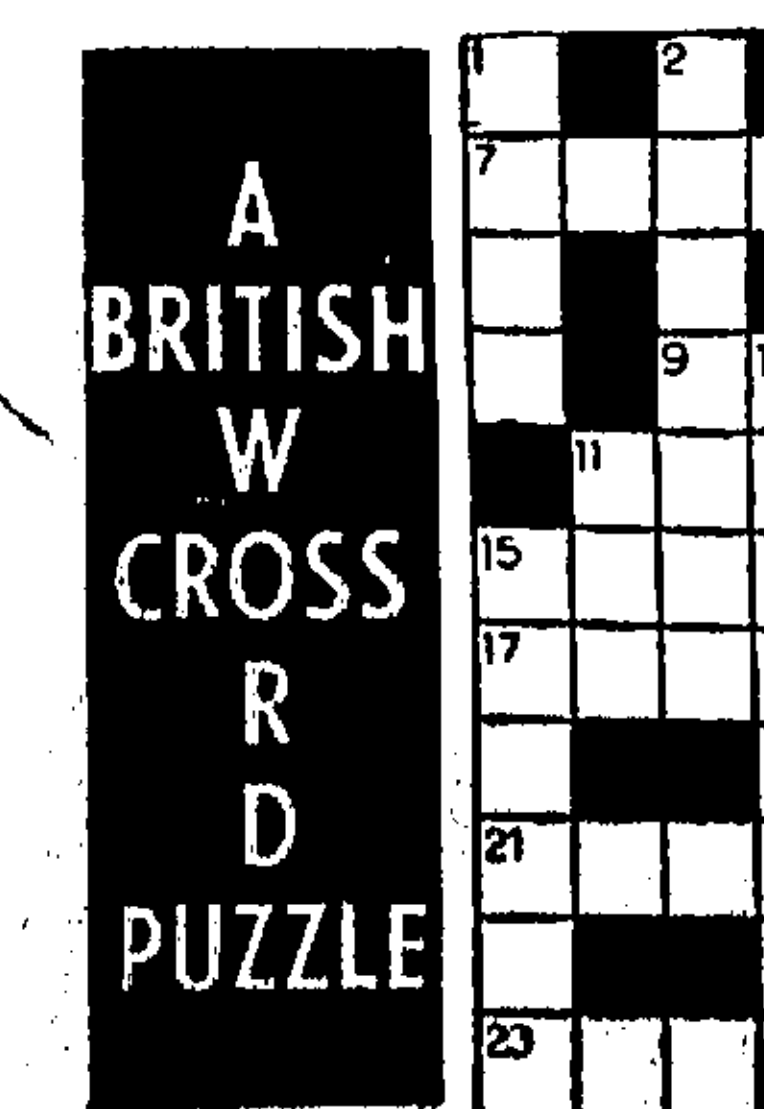
Bodies

The bodies of the victims were spread over nearly a mile amid schoolbooks, notebooks, and cushions from the bus. The bodies were later taken to a make-shift morgue in a nearby barracks, and the injured to a hospital in Greeley.

The bus driver, who miraculously escaped unhurt, has been placed under arrest.

According to the train engineer, the bus driver slowed down just before entering the level crossing as if he were going to stop, but then suddenly speeded up and started across the tracks.

The only warning at the crossing was a printed sign. There were no lights to signal the train's approach.—AP.



ACROSS
3 Dog food? 11 Plant exudation. 12 Attempt to level crossing as if he were going to stop, but then suddenly speeded up and started across the tracks. 13 Short. 14 It's behind the van! 15 Composition. 16 Officer. 17 Quarter of a year. 18 Roads.
DOWN
1 Competent. 2 They may have fence! 3 Vanishes. 4 Small distance. 5 Soothe. 6 Fear. 7 11 counter-acts. 8 And try? 9 Least diluted. 10 Beginner. 11 Openings for. 12 They get. 13 Walked on. 14 In case. 15 Lengthy.
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Crackman, 2 Plot, 3 Force, 4 Tow, 5 Ago, 6 Rep, 7 Wren, 8 Pin, 9 Lady, 10 End, 11 One, 12 By, 13 Bigger, 14 Down, 15 Head-rest, 16 Down, 17 Ribs, 18 Case, 19 Safari, 20 Arrow, 21 Spiders, 22 Senseless, 23 Topping, 24 Opener, 25 Woe, 26 Lensed, 27 Dance, 28 Veldt, 29 Nile.

An attack by Labour and Tories

London, Dec. 14.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan beat off a combined attack by his supporters and the Labour opposition to secure Parliamentary endorsement of his ceasefire search for peace in the Congo.

A Government appeal for a vote of confidence in its efforts to secure a ceasefire between Katangese and United Nations forces in the strife-torn province of the Congo was approved by a show of hands.

Sniping

This came after the House of Commons had voted down a Labour amendment, accusing the Government of "negotiating with saboteurs" in the African republic. The vote was 220 to 226, a majority of six which was the largest the Government has secured in recent years in Parliament.

From behind the government benches, the shouting of a "back bench" Tory, who said Britain must contribute to the UN without if the requested ceasefire does not come.

Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Edward Heath, who was greeted with Conservative cheers, said that the current situation in the Congo was "the greatest tragedy of the century" and that the United Nations itself and for its operation in Congo and indeed, for the whole future of the United Nations as an organisation.

Mr. Heath said Britain never has condoned Katanga's secession. "There can be no prosperity or even viability for the Congo without Katanga," he said. "At the same time, there can be no stability for Katanga in the rest of the Congo, if it is not in chaos, he said."

No apologies

Mr. Heath said Britain made no apologies for handling the UN request for a ceasefire with reluctance. The idea of using British funds in the hands of Mr. Reginald Bevins, announced here.

The post office will also spend £500,000 for the hire of additional transport. This year for the first time British postmen will not work on Christmas Day.—China Mail Special.

He called Mr. Heath's speech "a wiggling and quibbling" about what happened last weekend, when the government first agreed, then withheld, bombs for Katanga.

The Acting Secretary-General had cancelled his request for the bombs with contempt, Mr. Wilson said.

"He knows he cannot count on Britain," Mr. Wilson pictured "a craven crowd of Ministers" snatching at any excuse to stave off a revolt in the ranks of their own party. Five years ago, he said, Britain had earned the world's ostracism over Suez.

Contempt

"Today," he cried, "we merely earn the world's contempt. We bitterly resent it when we see this country's name dragged in the mud over a political manoeuvre of this kind."

Mr. Wilson said all were agreed that the solution of the Congo problem must be a negotiated one, but it could not come while there were still foreign mercenaries operating in Katanga.

Defending the Government's policy, Mr. Macmillan said President Moise Tshombe of

PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION

Anglo-U.S. nuclear tests?

tests?

Washington, Dec. 14.

The New York Herald Tribune reported today that a joint proposal for British-American nuclear tests, was being considered, and added that President Kennedy was expected to discuss the plan with Mr. Macmillan in Bermuda if the White House approved it.

The dispatch said that joint tests would be conducted both underground and in the atmosphere. It quoted Administrator James for the report.

According to the dispatch, the joint testing proposal resulted from a desire not to show Western unity in the face of Russian Soviet testing and as a difficult responsibility for Western test ban plan to the United States, would not lead to a new target of Communist propaganda.

IN THE PAST

Both the United States and Britain have conducted atomic physics tests in the past at different sites in the Pacific. The American has been at Eniwetok, while Britain has concentrated its experiments at the vicinity of Christmas Island.

The United States is at present conducting underground tests in the caverns below the Nevada Desert. The sixth announced test in this series took place yesterday. Later the White House described the report as "highly speculative." The British Embassy disclaimed all knowledge of the reported plan.—Reuters.

Japan quake

Tokyo, Dec. 14. A mild earthquake rocked central Japan at 2:53 a.m. today, the Central Meteorological Agency reported. There was no casualty or damage reported. It estimated the quakes were in southern Kanagawa Prefecture, southwest of Tokyo.—AP.

HK's Lai-kwan cuts Canadian Govt red tape

Montreal, Dec. 14.

Christmas will arrive a little early for Mr and Mrs Ross Mark, a Canadian-born Chinese couple who live in suburban Pointe Claire.

On December 19, the Marks will welcome their second adopted child, 3½-year-old Chin Lai-kwan. The Marks and Lai-kwan have been waiting for more than a year for official red tape to be cleared before the little girl from Hongkong was allowed to enter Canada.

The first

She will be the first child ever admitted to Canada for purposes of adoption. Mrs. C. M. McCrea, Director of the Children's Service Centre, said the Red Feather Agency has been trying since the autumn of 1960 to bring this child to Canada. Last year was National Refugee Year and many applications were received from people wishing to adopt overseas children.

At the time government regulations did not permit it. The Canadian Welfare Council sponsored an approach to the Government and the first information about Lai-kwan reached Montreal in November, 1960. Official approval was given in May of this year by the Quebec Department of Family and Social Welfare. Subsequently, the Federal Government also gave its approval.

Mark is a mechanical engineer and his wife is a doctor specialising in obstetrics. They already have one adopted son, Jerry.

Mrs. McCrea said that with permission granted to bring in the Chinese girl, the door had

FULL TRUST

Moscow, Dec. 14. Mr. Khrushchev said today that the Soviet Union has full trust in Finland's present foreign policy following the recent Soviet-Finnish talks. According to the Soviet news agency Tass, the Soviet leader's statement was contained in a telegram to Finland's President Urho Kekkonen to mark the 44th anniversary of Finnish Independence.—Reuters.

Watkinson, Strauss plan 'new effort'

Paris, Dec. 14.

Mr. Harold Watkinson and Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, British and West German Defence Ministers, tonight agreed that "a new effort" must be made to finalise outstanding projects for arms purchases by West Germany from Britain.

Britain is calling on West Germany to step up its arms purchases to ease the drain in Britain's foreign exchange resulting from the stationing of British troops in Germany. This costs at present about £70 million in foreign currency annually.

Mr. Watkinson entertained Herr Strauss to drinks followed by dinner at a Paris hotel. Afterwards, the following communiqué was issued: "The German and British Ministers of Defence at their meeting took the opportunity to review general Nato policy and strategy and also the questions of German-British cooperation in weapon development."

"It was agreed that at the next meeting of the Anglo-German steering group, which is to take place in January 1962, a new effort must be made to finalise as many of the items outstanding as possible." Authoritative sources said that the "items outstanding" referred to West German arms purchases from Britain and to sharing costs of production of items of military equipment.—Reuters.

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BIRTH

GRAHAM, Mr. Michael and family have been blessed with the birth of a son, Robert, on December 12, 1961. The baby weighs 7 lbs. 10 oz. and is 19 inches long. The mother and child are well.

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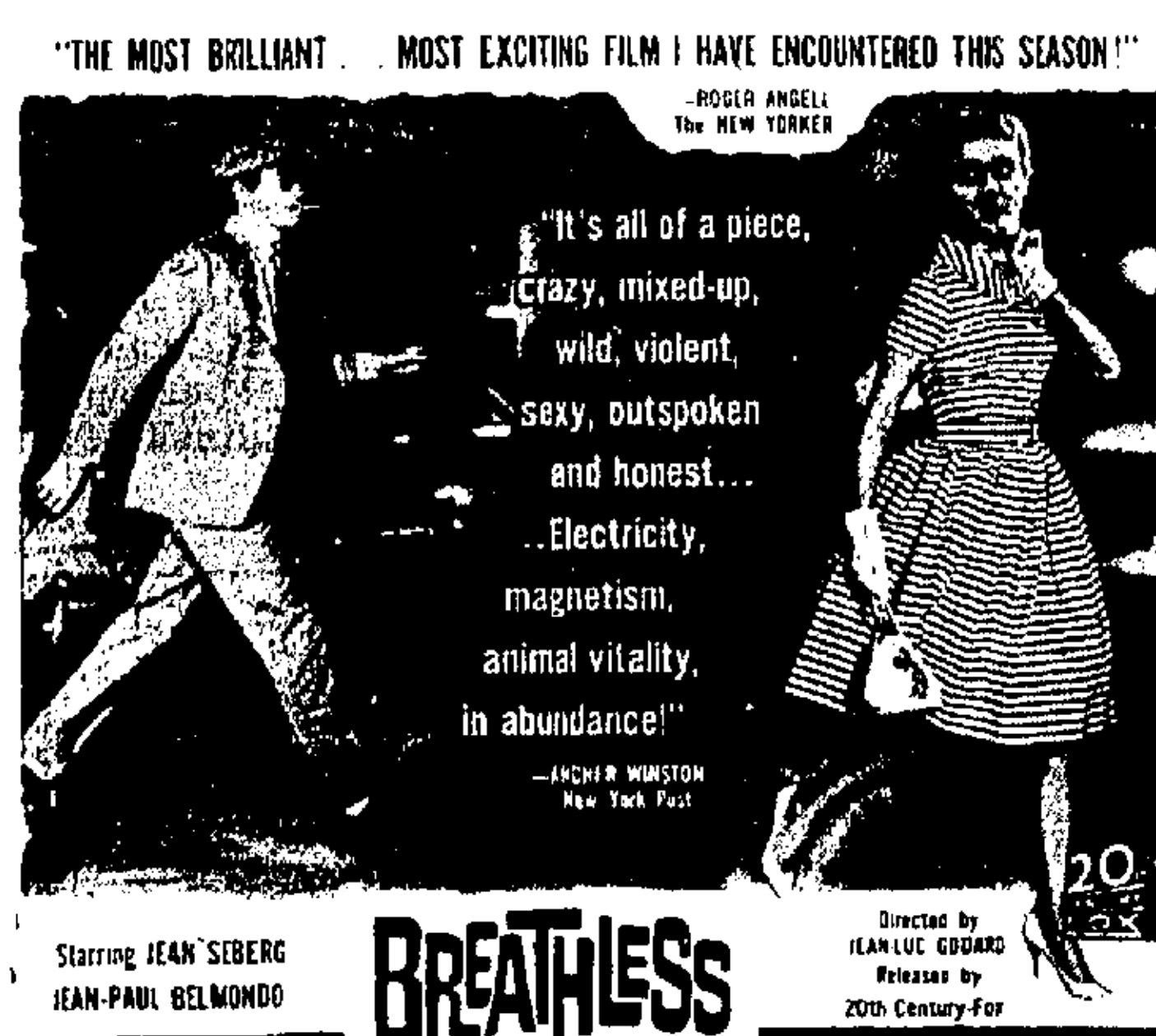
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Evacuated children don't like traffic

London, Dec. 14. Thirty-two children from volcano-shattered Tristan de Cunha have had their first lesson in road safety—but many are apprehensive about putting it into practice.

For the lesson the children, aged between seven and 15, travelled by special coach to the London headquarters of the Society of Prevention of Accidents from their temporary home at a disused army camp at Fendall in Surrey.

After the lesson, 13-year-old Betty Rogers said: "I would not like to ride a bicycle. I would be too scared."

Terence Green, 10, said: "I would rather be back home riding a donkey."

Lewis Glass, 13, added: "I'd not be prepared to go over a London road."

Before leaving their island home, the children had never seen a motorcar in their lives.—China Mail Special.

School protection racket under investigation

London, Dec. 14. Police are investigating an alleged "protection" racket among schoolboys at the Warren Field (Buckinghamshire) comprehensive school near Farnham.

Three boys told a local newspaper that older pupils were demanding sixpence a week from juniors as "insurance" against being beaten up.

Mr Leslie Marchant, Headmaster of the school, told pressmen that a small minority of his 1,080 pupils was terrorising the rest of the school.

"The terrorists are supported by their parents," he added.

Recently a schoolmaster was attacked by a pupil in the school approach drive, Mr Marchant said. The boy used a studded belt, and there was a scuffle, but the master was not hurt.

In July this year, Mr Marchant called for a police escort for his protection when he went to a meeting of the local Tenants' Association.—China Mail Special.

Propaganda flood into Britain

London, Dec. 14. A flood of propaganda from East Germany is being sent to people in Britain's industrial areas in the form of letters addressed personally to them, reports a Member of Parliament.

Mr Julian Ridsdale, a Conservative, said he would raise the matter in the House of Commons.

He is to urge Mr Edward Heath, Deputy Foreign Minister, to make representations through the Soviet authorities to put a stop to the letters.

How the addresses have been obtained and sent to East Germany to those responsible for the letters is a mystery.

The propaganda is being directed at people in London, Birmingham, Sheffield and Manchester, and is designed to "out over the 'advantages' of the Communist way of life in East Germany."

As far as is known the letters have not attempted to persuade English people to go and live in East Germany.

Mr Ridsdale said: "The people have not asked for the letters and do not want them."

"If the East German's want to send propaganda to this country why don't they do it in a proper manner?"

He had heard of many complaints from people who had received letters, he said.—China Mail Special.

Common Market warning

London, Dec. 14. Sir Edward Beckett-Behrens, has said here that if Britain joined the European Common Market British manufacturers would have to bear in mind that Italians and Germans were prepared to pay more for a good suit than Englishmen.

Sir Edward, who is Chairman of the United Kingdom Council of the European Movement told a conference of British salesmen: "We might find that the Continental market for fine worsteds is more important than the home market and might have to adapt our styles accordingly."

Language would be a "real handicap" if Britain joined the Common Market, Sir Edward said.

Educated Continentals all learned English as a second language whereas in England working knowledge of a foreign language was rare. It might be one of the essential qualifications for the sales manager of the enterprising British business of the future.—China Mail Special.

RESETTLEMENT ESTATE SECOND STAGE

Work is to start in February on the construction of the second stage of the Tai Wo Hau resettlement estate at the junction of Castle Peak-road and Texaco-road in Tsun Wan.

The work involves the building of five H-type blocks and one block of self-contained flats. The buildings will contain about 3,250 rooms. The first of the six blocks is expected to be ready for occupation next September and the last in February 1963.

The first stage of the resettlement estate comprises 13 H-type blocks of 6,888 rooms and a flat factory block of 477 working units. Seven of the blocks have been completed and the remaining seven are under construction.

Yapping

London, Dec. 14. A Labour opposition member in the House of Commons, Mr John Morris, asked today whether it was in order for a Government supporter to bark "sit down" at him.

The Speaker, Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, replied amid laughter: "It is not in order for him to bark, either standing up or sitting down."—Reuter.

London, Dec. 14. Sir Winston Churchill arrived back here by air yesterday from Monte Carlo where he has been holidaying.

The 88-year-old veteran statesman whose birthday was on November 30 arrived with his daughter who told reporters: "Sir Winston is very well."—China Mail Special.



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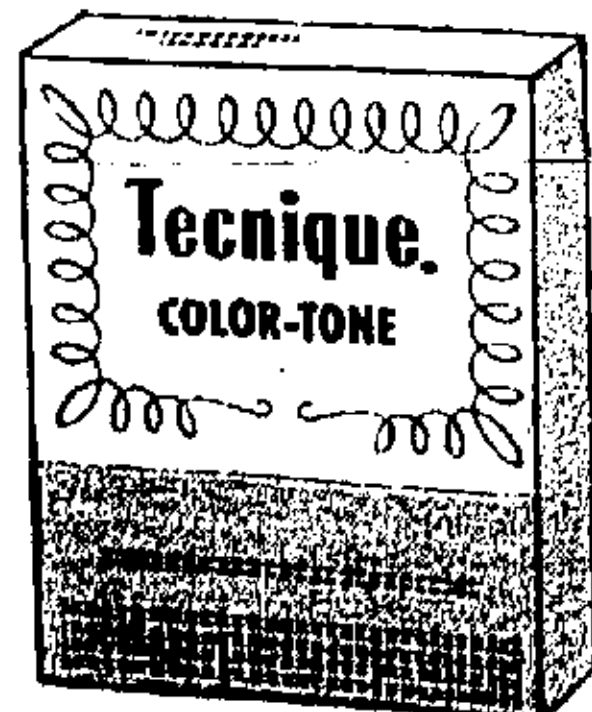
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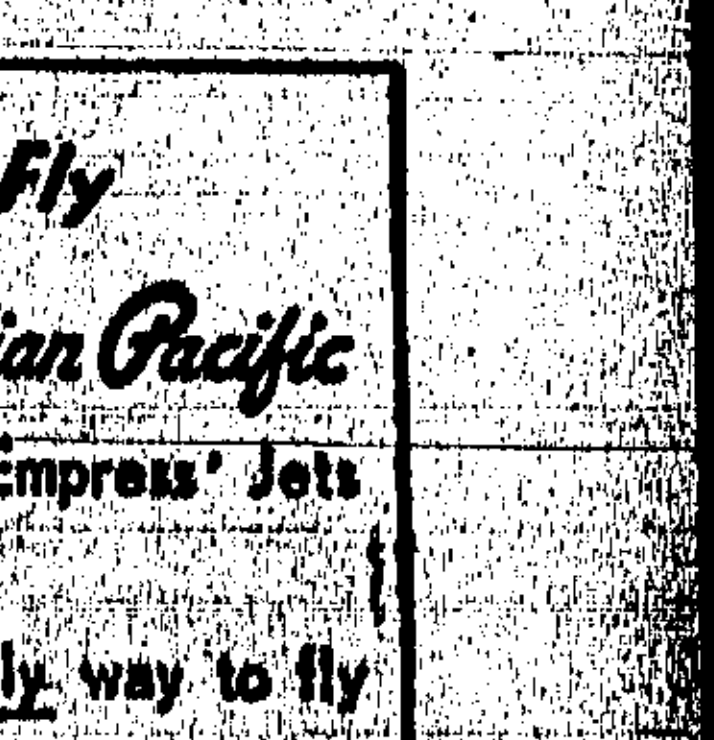
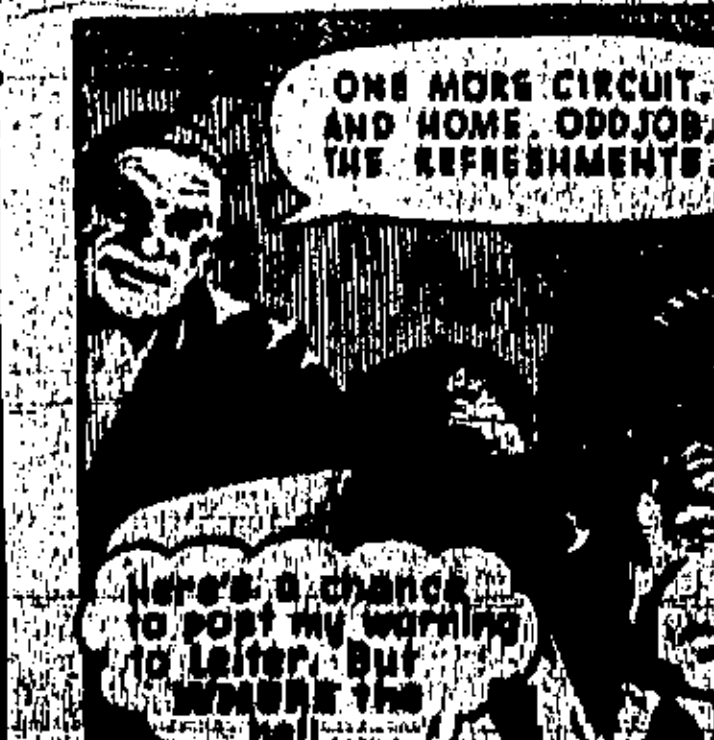
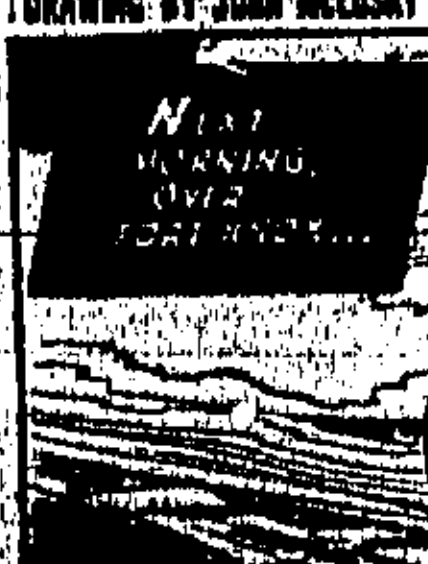
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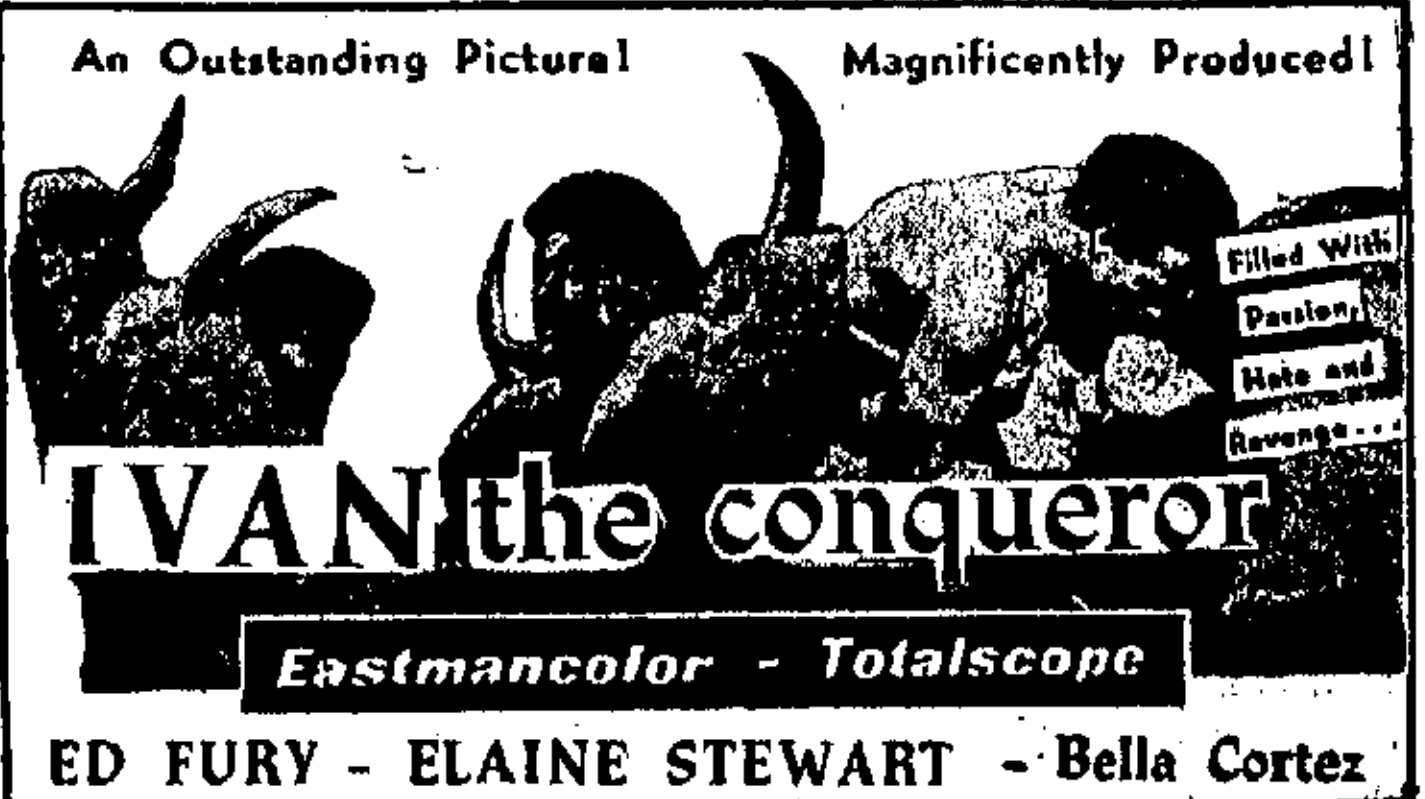
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This crazy game Kennedy plays with British soldiers

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

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It all depends on a battle now going on between Britain and the U.S. over how Europe should be defended.

If the British view prevails our troops will come home—and the taxpayer will be saved up to £30,000,000 a year. If the U.S. wins—as it is doing now—more British troops will be poured into Germany and the defence bill will soar.

Further, nuclear armed troops will remain facing each other across the East-West border, creating dangerous tension.

The pause

The stated purpose of the troops build-up, which has led to the extension of conscription in Britain, is to enable Nato to "force a pause" of a few hours if the Russians decide to invade.

The "pause" is to serve as an ultimatum that the West will loose H-bombs on the Russian homeland unless they withdraw.

The "pause" made sense when Russia had no nuclear weapons. Now it is a farce.

The risk of allowing time for the West to strike first with H-bombs would be so great that the Russians would be forced to use them first.

In a nuclear war which would be settled by long-range

bombs and rockets, it makes no difference whether Britain has 1,000 men or 100,000 in Germany. Yet because of U.S. pressure Britain's troops there are being increased at great cost.

Undermined

In private, the U.S. defence chiefs agree with the British reasoning. They are reinforcing their massive deterrent at home and stock-piling H-bombs in Germany and Britain. But in public they are calling up more infantry for Europe.

Why? Their purpose is political. A purely deterrent policy means that the U.S. must be prepared to risk the sacrifice of New York, Los Angeles, and other cities in defence of her allies. A less awesome prospect would be more popular in America.

To the British defence chiefs this attitude is crazy. By demonstrating their unwillingness to use the big bomb in defence of Europe, the Americans undermine the credibility of the whole deterrent policy.

But the Americans get their way. Thousands of their own civilians are called up.

The Germans are given further opportunity to increase their forces and Britain has to extend conscription.

Why does Britain go along with the Americans in this crazy "numbers game"? Because Lord Home, the Foreign Secretary, backed by the Prime Minister, insists that we must not offend them.

Nothing must shake the Anglo-American alliance, even when the strategy is so obviously wrong from Britain's standpoint.

"Accommodation" is a dirty word when applied to the Russians, but not to the Americans. Britain now needs no more than a few battalions of troops in Europe to serve in a token Nato force to prevent border skirmishes.

Badgering

Yet General Lauris Norstad, who is an American first and Nato chief second, will continue to badger Mr Harold Watkinson, the Defence Minister, to send thousands more British troops to Germany when they meet in Paris this month.

Mr Watkinson wants to thin out the troops in Germany and bring many of them home.

But his resistance to the U.S. demands will have little impact if the press has already been sold by Lord Home, who will get his say in first in the Paris Nato talks.

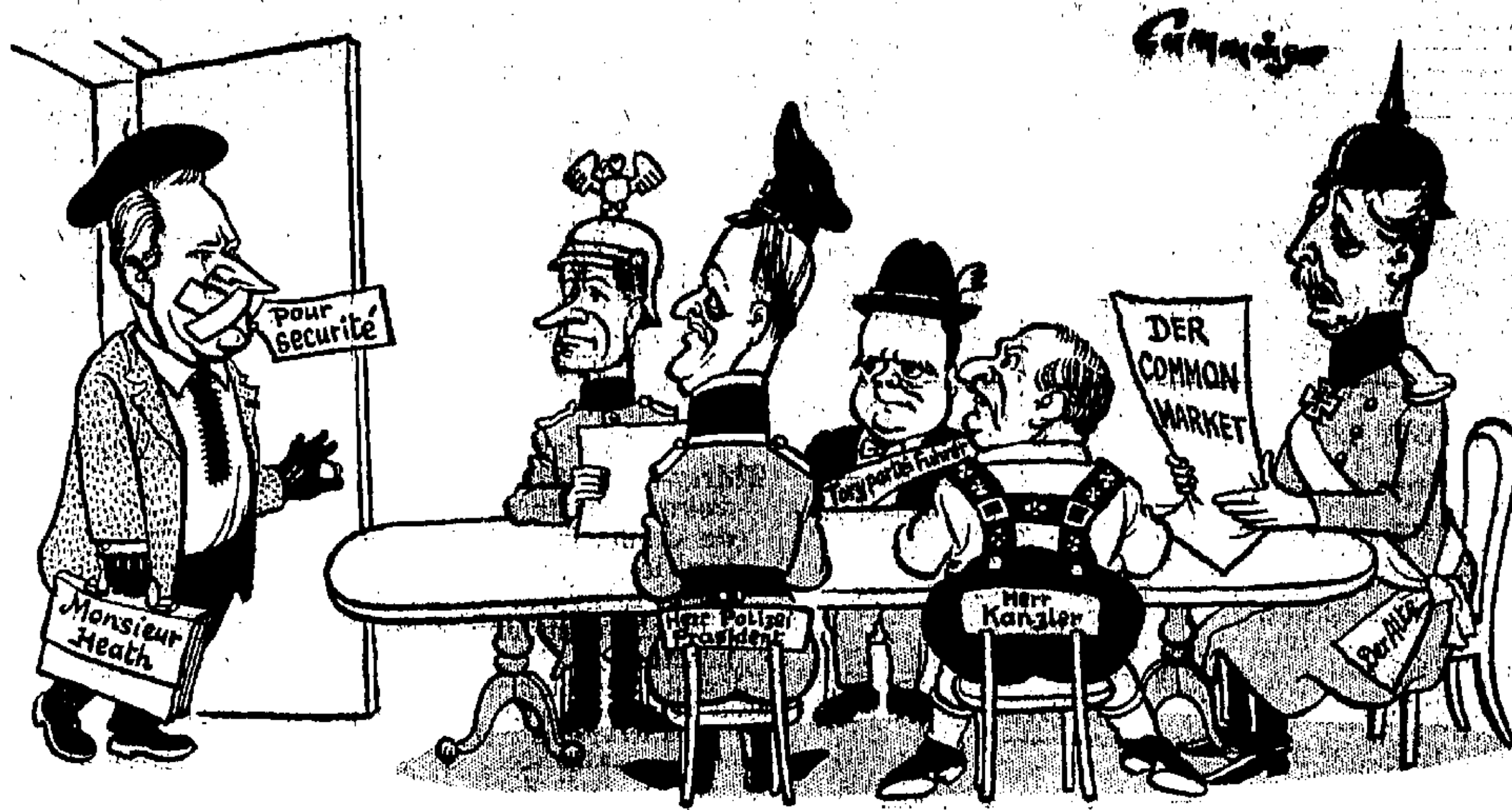
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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



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"Ach, Herr Heath! Can't you remember it's Tuesdays we conduct the Cabinet meetings in French—today we talk in German!"

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LOOKING BEHIND THE REPORTS OF A 'PLOT' TO KILL EGYPT'S LEADER

Nasser's next big move: it may be towards Moscow

BY PAUL JOHNSON

THE French "plot" to assassinate President Nasser, announced recently, marks a further — and perhaps decisive — stage in Egypt's evolution towards a left-wing dictatorship.

Hitherto, Nasser has played the role of a bourgeois strong-man. He has nationalised most of the big foreign-owned firms. He has broken up and redistributed all the largest Egyptian-owned estates. He has cut down heavy spending abroad by Cairo's local playboys.

But until the Syrian revolution and the collapse of the United Arab Republic, he had studiously avoided ultra-left wing policies—tactics symbolised by his suppression of the Communist Party.

REVISED

These tactics were dictated by his foreign ambitions, the creation of an Arab super-state

stretching from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf.

To achieve them, Nasser recognised that he would, at least initially, have to work with Arab nationalists of all political complexes—including the middle-class businessmen who run Syria, and such millionaire aristocrats as the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia.

But now that Syria has defected, Nasser has re-

vised his plans. Hopes of a speedy drive to Arab unity have been temporarily abandoned.

Indeed, his own regime is in jeopardy. Population is rising much faster than productivity and the income per head is falling. Nasser can no longer hope to subsidise Egypt's economy by taxing the richer Arab states or seizing their oil revenues.

Instead he has deliberately embarked on a wholesale socialisation of the Egyptian economy. For the first time, Egyptian-owned property is being confiscated on a massive scale. The new moves hit the middle classes as heavily as the rich.

Combined with the Syrian fiasco, they have reduced Nasser's popularity to its lowest ebb since he first seized power from General Neguib.

Hence he needs a spectacular public platform to justify his new policy, and to whip up popular enthusiasm behind it. The "assassination plot" is perfectly tailored for this purpose.

SIMPLE

It is both simple and ingenious. Since 1953 a French commission has been working in Cairo to arrange compensation for French property seized at the time of Suez. Its members have held conversations with a great variety of foreign residents, Egyptian businessmen and land and government officials.

Unfortunately, although some members of the commission were diplomats, its activities were not protected by the normal security screen which embassies operate to safeguard their transactions.

In fact, we now know that its offices have been "bugged" with microphones for the past 18 months. All conversations have been recorded by the Egyptian secret police.

There can be little doubt, too, that incautious words were spoken—not only by the French commissioners, but by many of their Egyptian visitors. It will surprise no one if the transcripts contain evidence that the Commission's HQ was a centre of anti-Nasser sentiments.

This, of course, does not prove an assassination plot—despite alleged confessions extracted from the arrested men. But opinion in Egypt and throughout the Arab world will not demand such proof.

MURDER

The Arabs remember that the Tunisian leader, Ferhat Hached, was murdered by the French in 1953. They remember, too, that the French authorities kidnapped the leaders of the Algerian rebellion from a Moroccan civil airliner in 1956. In Marseilles, a radio station beams anti-Nasser propaganda in Arabic.

What is more to the point, the secret French "Red Hand" network, its Communists nearly a score of murders all over western Europe, and in every case the French government has signally failed to take energetic action against its members. It will not be difficult to persuade the Egyptians that the "Red Hand" plotted to kill Nasser. It may even be true.

A LEVER

But even more important, from Nasser's viewpoint, is that he now has a lever against nearly all the prominent opponents—or potential opponents—of his regime inside Egypt. Many of them had dealings with the French commissioners: their visits and conversations were recorded.

The first lists of arrests indicate the pattern the purge will take. They include two ex-ambassadors, two senior civil servants (equivalent to permanent under-secretaries in Britain), the editor of the English-language Egyptian Political and Economic Review, and the publisher of the French-language Review du Caire.

Moreover, the lists can be indefinitely expanded, as and when it suits Nasser's purpose. He can use his secret police to arrest any civil servant, businessman or politician who is suspected of having dealings with the French commissioners.

(London Express Service)

You won't print this, Mr O. tells Izvestia

THIS IS RUSSIA

THE Soviet authorities have decided to do away with radio and television licences from the beginning of next year.

The newspaper Izvestia greeted this Government announcement with an article headed: "Gift To Ten Million People." But at least one reader, B. Ozeretskiy, was not impressed.

"And why have I paid? Is it not my personal property? In that case the State could charge for the use of items of any other kind: clothes, dishes, furniture, etc."

THE QUESTION

He wrote a letter to Izvestia saying: "No, 204 of your newspaper carried the article, 'Gift To Ten Million People.' I want to show you what kind of gift this is, speaking for myself."

"I have an SVD-8 radio set. In addition to its original cost of 270 roubles, I have paid another 685 roubles, or 70 per cent of its value, for 18 years of licence."

"I bought a T-8 television set in August 1953 for 2,200 roubles. The next year I had

ing of this television set I have paid almost half its original cost."

"So the question is: Who has given a gift to whom? Probably it is the 10,000,000 people owning radio and television sets who have given a gift to the State, and not the other way round."

THE ANSWER

Undoubtedly, the State has taken the time to read this letter, but will it answer it? And what will be the answer?

like the truth, and in the present case it is staring you in the face. "In conclusion, I would like to change the title of that article and in a new edition publish it as 'Gift From Ten Million'."

This indignant answer then came from Izvestia: "Your letter was read and not only not destroyed but, as you see, published in full without any abridgements or changes. We want our millions of readers to see your full stature and all your spiritual poverty."

"You have painstakingly calculated how much you have paid for the use of your radio and television sets. But do you know anything about television and radio broadcasting?"

"We think you must have some idea of what work is devoted to them by directors, actors, scriptwriters, authors, composers, musicians, cameramen, and many other specialists. Their labour costs money."

"To put it briefly, the sums collected from the owners of radio and television sets actually go to compensate for the money spent on creating programmes. As you see, the State has made no profit at all from this."

CALCULATION

"We imagine you would now like to say: 'Our State is rich. Let it pay. Why charge me?' Instead of an answer, here is a calculation for you. How much of its resources would the State have had to spend to increase the number of radio sets from 7,000,000 in 1950 to 62,000,000 in 1960, and in that same time to increase the number of radio receivers 20 times and the number of television sets more than 100 times? Let us say your position is not similar to that of a peasant who has to work his own land. Let us say you are a capitalist who has to employ others."

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Record 189 not out by Manjrekar helps India pile up 466 runs

New Delhi, Dec. 14.

A masterly display of batting by Vijay Manjrekar, whose 189 not out was the highest score ever made by an Indian against England, provided the highlight on the second day of the third Test here today.

Manjrekar batted just on by fieldsers have plenty to reflect on during tomorrow's test day.

Provided the pitch does not break up unexpectedly, England should score enough runs to avert defeat, and whether either side can win the match in the next three days remains doubtful. The first two Tests were both drawn.

England quickly disposed of

Stroke master

Though they failed in this, the last five wickets tumbled for 23 runs in 35 minutes.

India reaped the benefit of her initiative by her success in separating England's openers.

Manjrekar, who hit 29 fours, rarely used the hook stroke as the ball seldom lifted sufficiently to allow it, but he was the master of every other stroke, and Ted Dexter found it hard to set a field to restrict his run-getting.

Manjrekar, whose injury hurt the previous record of 184 made by Vinoo Mankad at Lord's in 1952, could only be faulted in his inability to take complete command when the situation called for rapid scoring.

Chances

In one sense England have only themselves to blame for the stern handling experienced by their bowlers as missed chances played their part in the Indian batting successes.

Yesterday Jaishintha, the other century-maker, was dropped at 32 and Manjrekar himself twice gave stupor chances which were not accepted.

Manjrekar today was missed in the covers at 101 and as he and Jaishintha between them were responsible for 316 of India's total, the English



VIJAY MANJREKAR

... masterly display of batting the dangerous Polly Umrigar first today but had to wait two hours, 40 minutes for their next success, while Manjrekar and Chandra Kant Borde added 137 for the fifth wicket.

Borde's 45 was generally a subdued affair but the left-hander Sandin Durani quick-

Best bowler

Dave Allen was easily the most impressive member of the attack, and his four for 87 from 47 overs was well earned and reflected his accuracy.

None of the other bowlers posed much of a threat and Barber especially was expansive taking one for 103 in 25 overs.

Pace man Ramakant Desai brought India her success in the day's closing stages when he trapped Richardson, leg before a batsman shuffled across the stumps attempting a leg glance.

Scoreboard

INDIA FIRST INNINGS	
M. L. Jaisintha, c & b D. Smith	127
N. Contractor, c Pullar b Lock	39
V. Manjrekar, not out	189
Nawab of Pataudi, c Richardson b Allen	13
P. R. Umrigar, lbw Allen	22
C. Borde, b Barber	45
S. Durani, b Allen	18
F. M. Engineer, lbw Allen	1
A. G. Kripal Singh, run out	2
R. B. Desai, lbw Knight	5
S. P. Gupta, b Knight	0
Extras	5
Total	466

Fall of Wickets: 1-121, 2-199, 3-244, 4-276, 5-408, 6-443, 7-451, 8-453, 9-462, 10-466.

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
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D. R. Smith	30 11 66 2
Knight	25 4 72 4
Allen	47 18 87 4
Barber	25 3 103 1
Dexter	2 0 11 0
Lock	40 15 83 1
Barrington	9 1 39 0
England first innings	
P. E. Richardson, lbw Desai	1
C. Pullar, not out	7
K. F. Barrington, not out	13
Extras	7
Total (for 1 wk)	21

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BOWLING ANALYSIS	
	O M R W
Desai	6 1 15 1
Jaishintha	4 1 3 0
Gupte	2 1 3 0
—Reader	

Reed gets top U.S. tennis ranking

St Petersburg, Dec. 14.

Flashy but erratic Whitney Reed, the U.S. National champion is rated the No. 1 tennis player in America in rankings released today by the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association.

The 28-year old veteran was placed at the top of the list in recognition of his victory at Forest Hills, New York, over Charlie McKinley, in the National Championships. Reed was ranked eighth last year.

McKinley, fourth last year, moved up to the No. 2 spot in a reshuffling of the top rankings brought on when Barry Mackay, No. 1 last year, and No. 3 ranked Earl Bartholomew turned professional. Bartholomew, No. 2 last year, dropped to third.

MISSING

The rankings, recommended by the Association's Ranking Committee, will be officially adopted at the annual meeting on February 3 in Los Angeles. They were announced by vice-president Edward A. Turville, who will move up to the presidency at the meeting.

There is evidence of a youth movement among the new rankings.

Sixth-ranked Frank Froehling, who had a spectacular year that included an upset victory over McKinley, was runner-up in the Junior Nationals last year. Fifth-ranked Donald Dell is just out of Yale. This year's No. 1 ranked junior, Charles Pasarell of Puerto Rico, is in No. 27 spot in the men's rankings.

Missing from the ratings are such familiar names of other years as Ham Richardson, Vic Seixas and Dick Savitt. None campaigned enough last year to be ranked.—AP

Yugoslavs win

Tel Aviv, Dec. 14.

Yugoslavia beat Israel 2-0 in an international football match here today, after leading 1-0 at half-time.—AFP.

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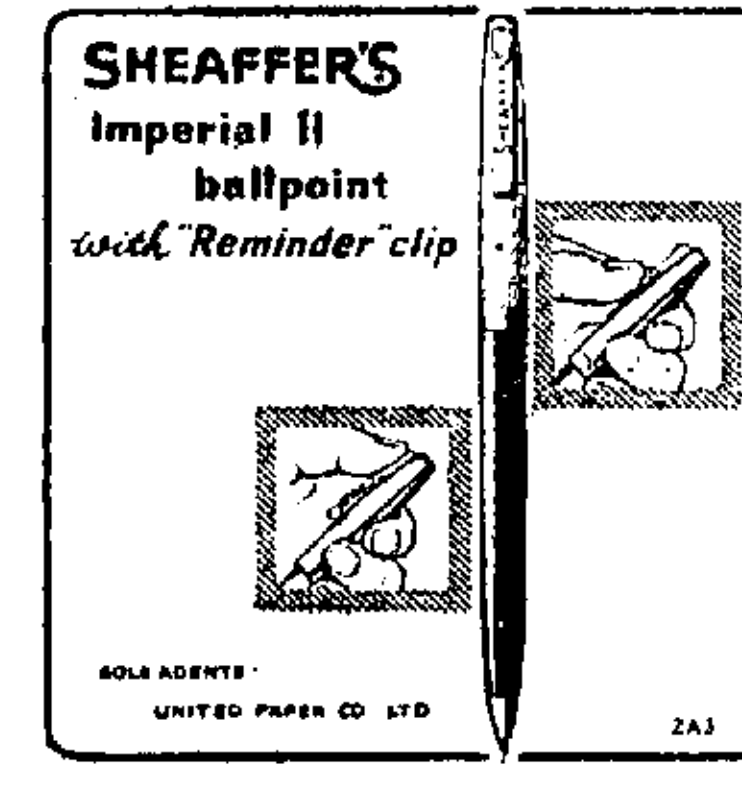
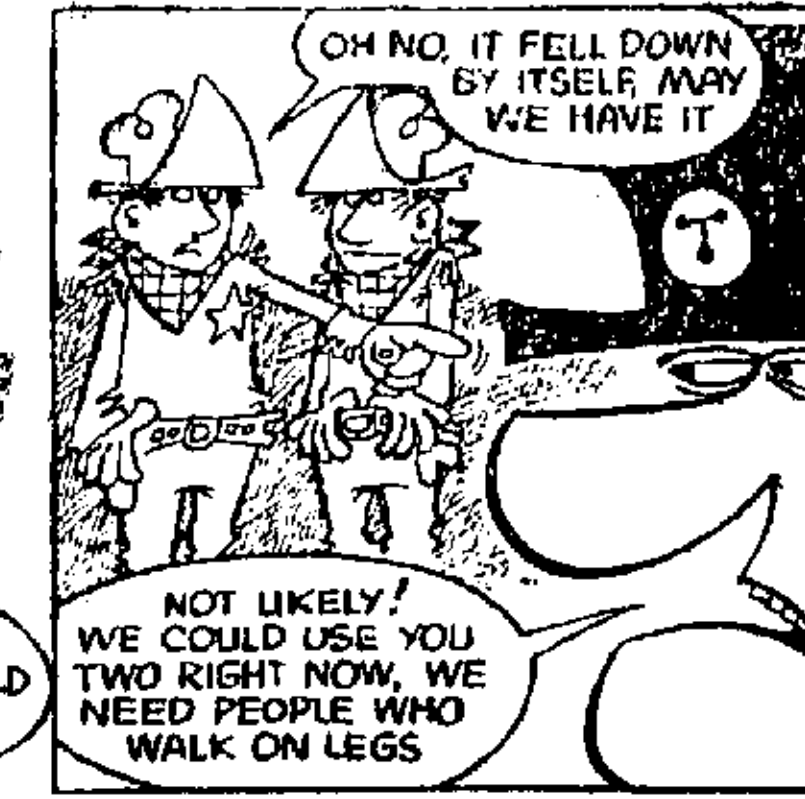
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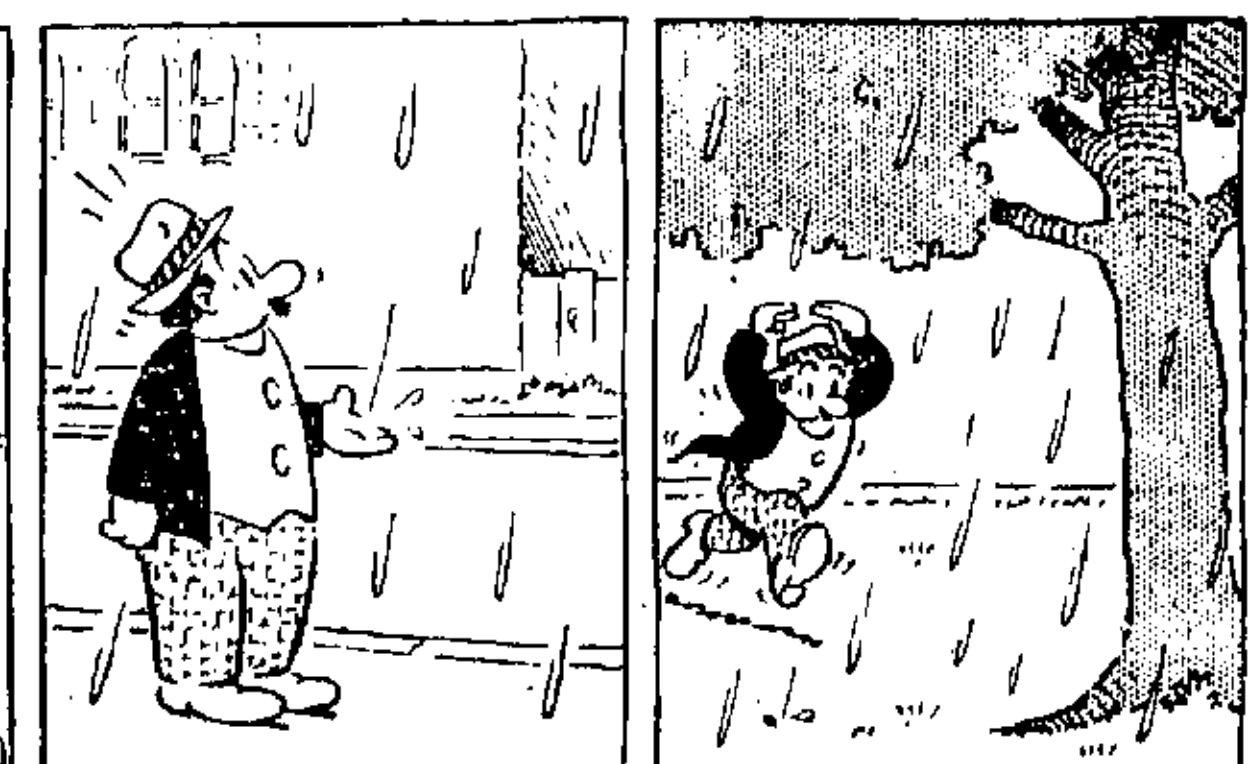
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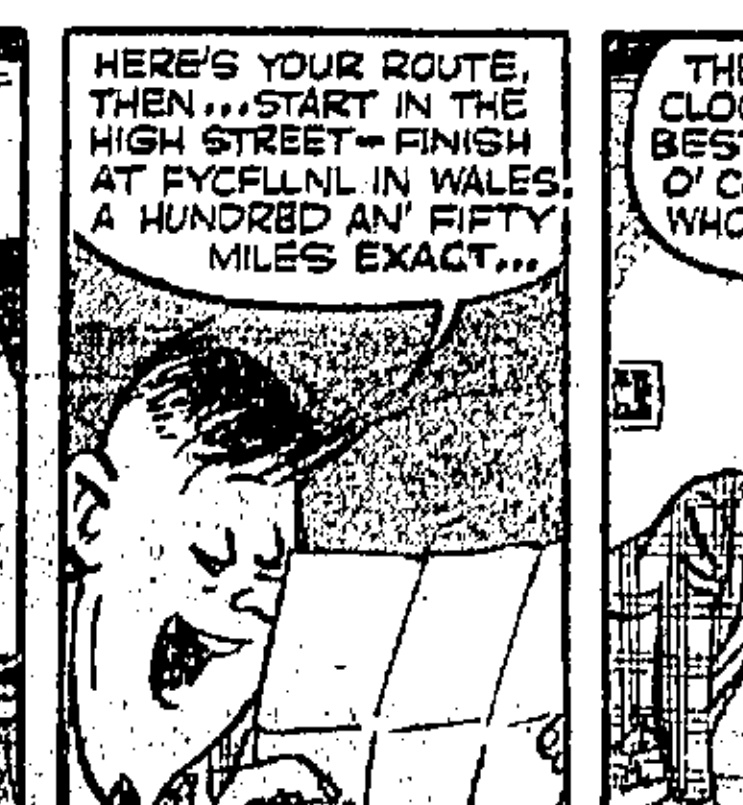


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ber, 1961.

SAILS: The ship is expected to sail at 7 a.m.
on Tuesday, 19th December, 1961.

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Jack and the Beanstalk

SHAKY START, BUT THE CHILDREN ENJOYED IT

THE Garrison Players pantomime "Jack and the
Beanstalk" got off to a shaky start last night at the
Missions to Seamen theatre—but there are a lot of
laughs and plenty of good fun for the children.

WHAT WE PLAN FOR TOMORROW

Tomorrow the China Mail's
Christmas issue goes to
press.

Don't forget to take home a
copy of this issue which con-
tains these major features:

- A special guide to Christmas shopping in Hong Kong.
- How four Hongkong people spent Christmas day twenty years ago—the day the Colony surrendered.
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These are only a few of the
many features which will be
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articles on people, places and
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And — if you're planning a
trip to the Valley tomorrow
afternoon — any punter will
tell you you can't be without
the Saturday China Mail tips.

Make sure of getting your
Christmas issue of the China
Mail tomorrow.

News from the Gazette

Mr. Michael Turner, Mr. R. C. Lee,
Mr. W. C. G. Knowles, Mr. Y. K.
Kan and Mr. Shun Wai-yau have
been appointed members of the Sir
Robert Black Trust Fund Com-
mittee.

The Director of Audit has also been
appointed to be auditor ex officio.
The vesting day of the new Fund is
December 18, 1961.

The Commissioner of Police has
been appointed Registrar of So-
cieties.

The Assistant Commissioner,
Headquarters, the Staff Officer,
Licensing and General, the Director
and Assistant Directors of Criminal
Investigation, Hong Kong Police
Force, have been appointed Assistant
Registrars of Societies.

Acting Sub-Lieut. (SD) D. P.
Knott, of the Hong Kong Royal Naval
Reserve, has been promoted to the
rank of Sub-Lieutenant (SD) (C).

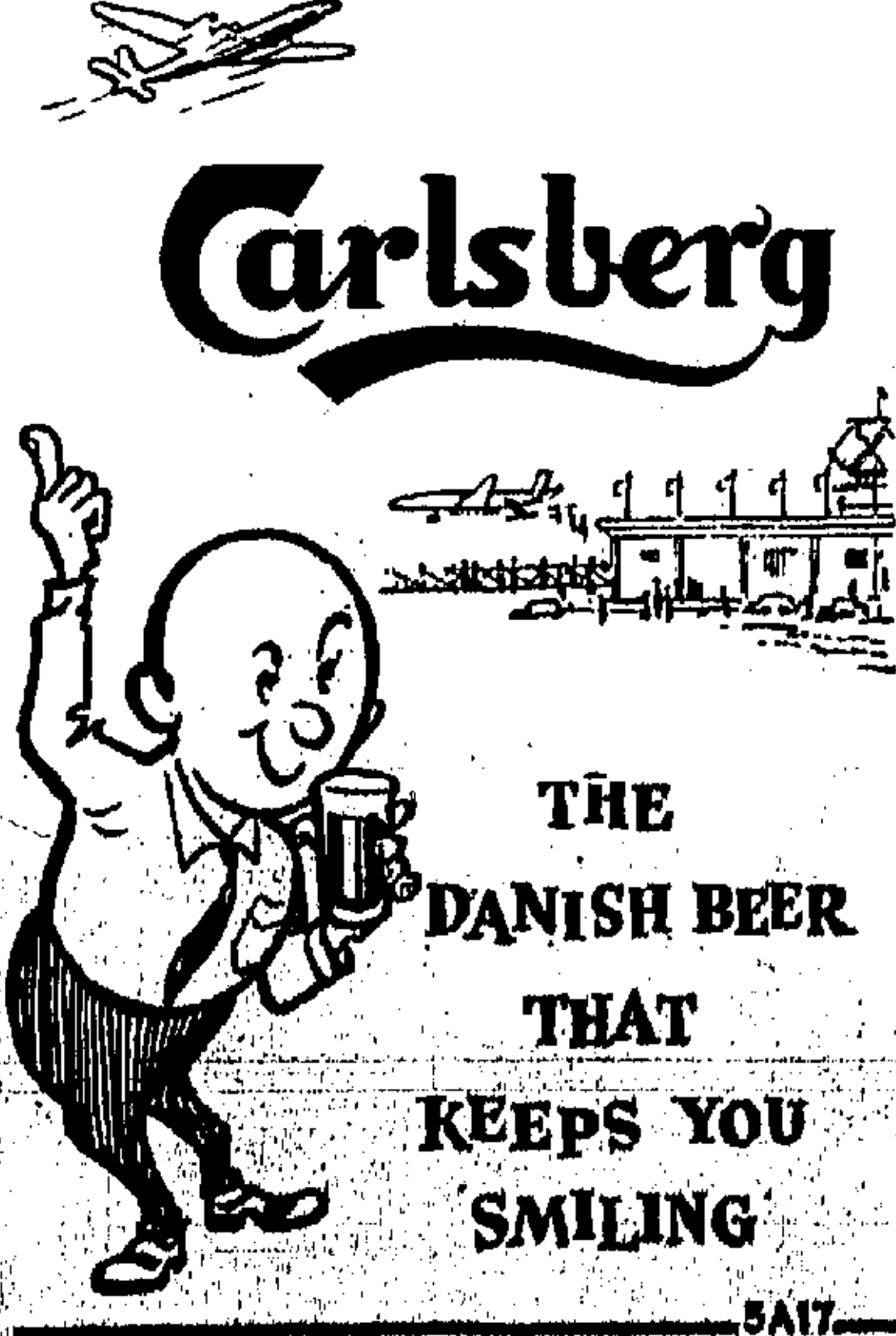
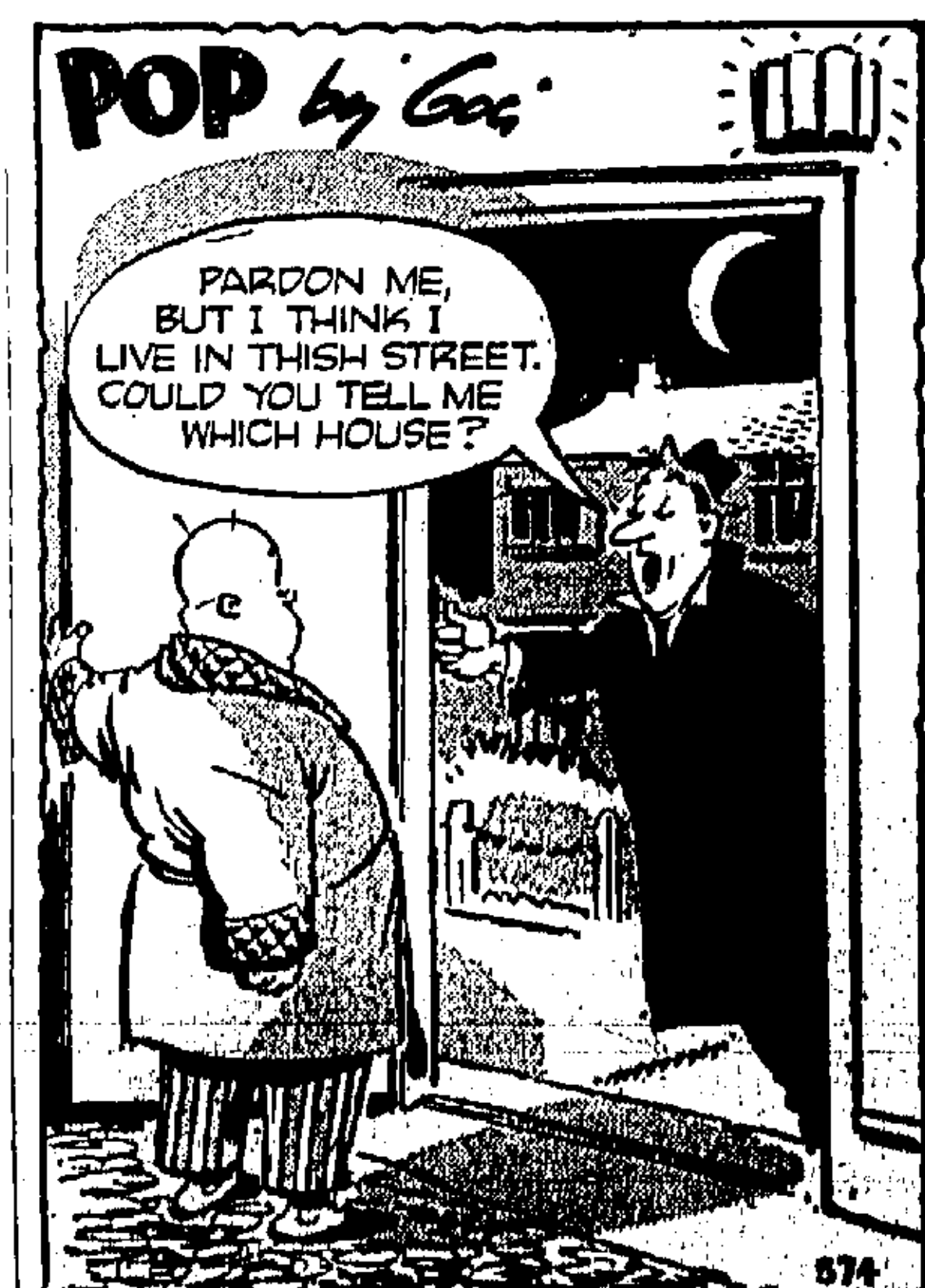
Baron A. N. van Aerssen, Baron
van Vossel, has been recognized,
provisionally, as Consul for the
Netherlands at Hong Kong.

Mr. Gerald de Basto has been ap-
pointed a Member of the Legal Aid
Committee.

The names of Mr. Chan Pak-keung
and Mr. Franklin Wong Kai-cheung
have been added to the list of
authorised architects.

The Director of Audit has been
appointed auditor of the Subsidised
Schools Provident Fund.

The Indo-Asiatic Corporation
(HK) Ltd and the International Toy
Manufacturing Co. Ltd have been
struck off the register and the com-
panies dissolved.



Hawker Force told to act with courtesy

An Urban Councillor told
members of the Hawker Con-
trol Force at a passing out
parade this morning that they
must act with unfailing cour-
tesy to every member of the
public, including hawkers.

Addressing the parade at the
Brick Hill, Aberdeen, training
school, Mr. Hilton Cheong-teen
told them that their "over-
riding duty was to the general
public."

"Hawkers comprise but one
section of the community," he
said.

He then went on to tell them:
"You will have to guide your-
selves by experience, and per-
haps even by invoking the
traditional Chinese principle of
"Jan" or "human-heartedness,"
in enforcing the law among
hawkers, most of whom do not
even earn enough to keep them-
selves and their families at a
minimum subsistence level."

Mr. Cheong-teen was met on
arrival by Mr. B. D. Wilson,
Assistant Director of Urban
Services and Mr. C. L. Seobell,
Commandant, Hawker Control
Force.

The parade comprised mem-
bers of the Fifth Recruit
Course.

Best recruit of the passing
out squad was Constable Liu
Kei-chen, who received a silver
whistle.

ID cards

All people living in Hong-
Kong, Kowloon and Tsun Wan
who hold identity cards num-
bering 340,001 to 350,000 should
re-register with the Commis-
sioner of Registration for the
issue of new-type identity cards.
The families of these people also
have to re-register at the same
time, said today's Gazette.

Letters from you to the editor India and Goa

dear sir

To the extent that Dr Salazar
of Portugal has been con-
strained to seek negotiations
with India over the future of
Goa, the show of military
force by India has been
worthwhile.

Perhaps you and your readers
are unaware that hitherto
Portugal's dictator had turned
his face against all negotia-
tions, under the fantastic
fiction that Goa—as also
Macao and Timor, not to speak
of Angola—are "provinces of
Portugal."

It was in fact the refusal to
negotiate on the part of Portu-
gal that compelled India to
sever diplomatic relations
with Lisbon. At present, the
interests of India are being
looked after by the United
Arab Republic, while those of
Portugal are being cared for
by Brazil.

Some of your readers have
advanced arguments for the
retention of Portuguese
colonialism in Goa. One of
them is that Christianity came
to Goa some 400 years ago.
But then Christianity came to
India far, far earlier. There
have been Christians in India
since the first or second cen-

Marble-road fire



A fire swept the entire first floor of No. 9 Marble-road,
North Point, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

The blaze broke out at 11.05 am right above a paint
store that contained large quantities of inflammable material.
Firemen sent to the site in eight appliances, contained
the blaze within the first floor, and brought it under control
at 11.30 am.

By 11.35 am, the fire was entirely put out, leaving the
paint store intact.

No casualty was reported.
The building is a four-storey concrete structure.

From the Files

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December 1936

THE disaster on Saturday to
the fast train from Kowloon
to Canton when three coaches
were burnt out, is more serious
than was at first realised. At
least twenty charred remains of
bodies have been recovered
from the wreckage, one or two
have succumbed to injuries
caused by jumping from the
train, and some 35 persons are
in hospital in Canton, many of
them critically ill.

It is thought that the fire was
caused by some celluloid object,
probably a child's toy, catching
alight. The terrific draught of
the express at once fanned the
flames, panic broke out, and
three coaches were destroyed
before the alarm was given and
the train stopped.

It is believed that few if any
Hongkong residents were in-
volved. A full inquiry into the
tragedy is to be held.

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Macao.
The Macao Municipal Senate
has decided to build a fine new
edifice to house the Macao
Municipal Primary School, and
work on the new building is to
begin within a few days. This
new structure will occupy a
splendid site, in the heart of
Macao, in the Vasco da
Gama Gardens, close to the re-
cently constructed Macao swim-
ming pool.

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Kun Tong land to be sold

Two lots of land in Kun
Tong, for industrial or godown
purposes, will be sold at a
public auction in the Crown
Lands and Survey Office in the
Central Government Offices
on January 18.

The lots measure 10,000
square feet each and the upset
price is \$300,000.

ONE of two Chinese widows
charged with stealing two
steel target frames from the
Harlech-road rifle range of the
Hongkong Volunteer Defence
Corps, was convicted by Mr J.A.
Fraser at the Central Magistracy
yesterday, when she was sen-
tenced to a month's hard labour.

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